Girl child labour

466. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of girl child labour in the country ;

(b) whether Government have any information in regard to the conditions affecting education, employment and sexual exploitation of girl child labour in the country ; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to prevent the abuses against girl child labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) According to the 43rd round (during July 1987-June 1988) Survey of the National Sample Survey, the number of girl child labour in the country is estimated to be about 7.6 million.

(b) Government is fully aware of the socio-economic circumstances which give rise to the phenomenon of girl child labour and their exploitation.

(c) Apart from the various laws like the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, the Plantations Labour Act, 1951, etc. which prohibit the employment of children ; Government has launched the National Child Labour Policy, 1987, which includes stricter enforcement of the Laws pertaining to child labour, focussing of general development programmes for benefitting child labour and their families and project based plans of action for child labour.

Appointment of Human Rights Commission in place of Minorities Commission

467. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have taken any decision to appoint Human Rights Commission in place of the Minorities Commission ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Improvement in quality of milk and its product by NDDB

468. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Ministr of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has now decided to improve the quality of milk, butter and other milk products sold in the market to ensure higher profit to farmers and their cooperative societies ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the National Dairy Development Board propose to take some more products other than the milk products to the market ; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) Efforts have been made under Operation Flood to maintain the quality of milk and milk products handled by the cooperatives. The research work on milk and milk products in the National